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THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER.

NOTICE!

IN THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS,
OF SATURDAY NEXT,

will be given

TWO SPLENDID ORIGINAL DRAWINGS,

BY BEN HERRING, ESQ.

Illustrative of

"THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER."

In the same Number will be given a portrait of

HERR VON JOEL,

And a sketch of

THE GREAT ANNUAL FISHING HANDICAP at SHEFFIELD.

TROTTING.

GRAND TROTTING MATCH, FOR 200 SOVS. BETWEEN
SPRITE AND SCROGGINS.

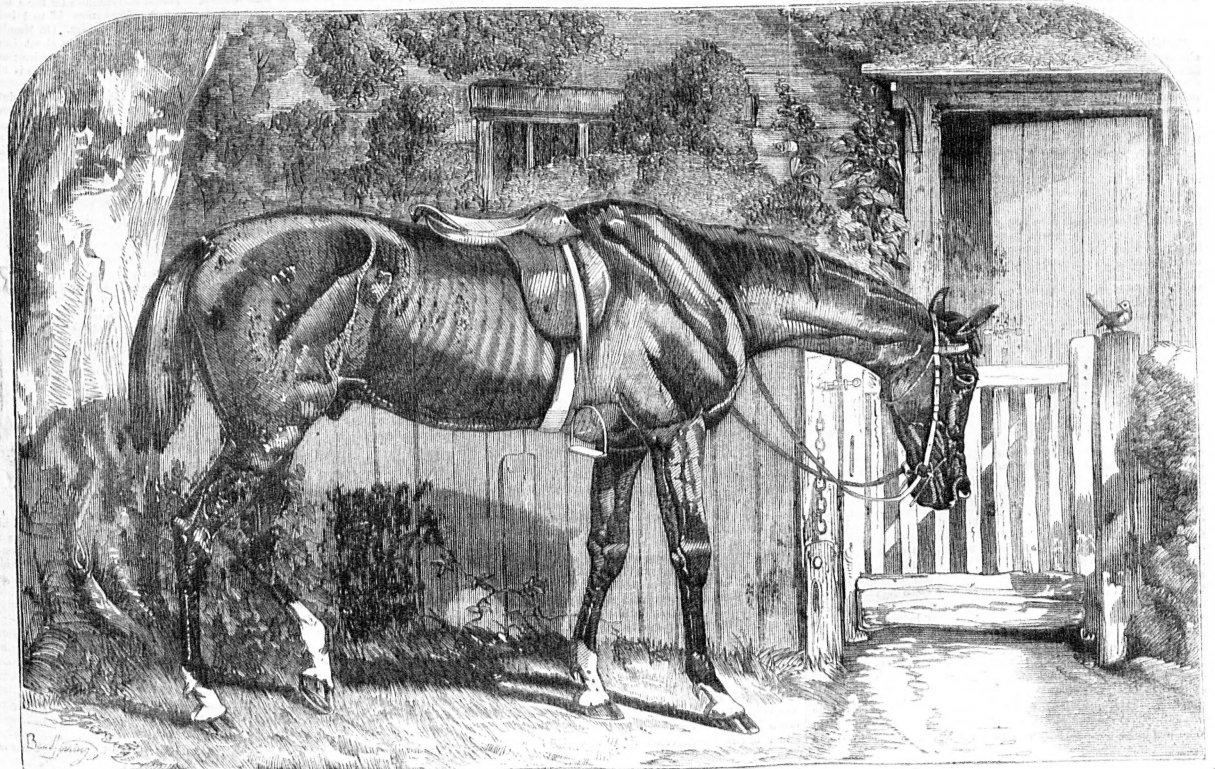
There is certainly no denying the fact that the pastime of trotting is now becoming quite a mania in the sporting circles of the United Kingdom, and promises zealously to take quite as unflinching a stand in British diversions as the most uncompromising American Cousin could desire.

Trotting Burke, in the days of poor old Captain Beecher and his famed steeplechase Pet, the rat-tailed Vivian, first led the way; Confidence followed as a shining light in due order. Mr. E. W. Topham, of Chester, established international matches over the renowned Aintree Race Course at Liverpool; Mr. Bastien, of Tottenham Court-road, has introduced the sport with undisguised success at Mr. Jewittson's, the Pike and Anchor, Funder's-end; and now we have Mr. E. T. Smith, of Ashburnham Hall Gardens, consenting to the £200 trotting contest, between two Lilliputian marvels, under two hands high, taking place in that spacious enclosure on Saturday week last.

The competitors were Mr. Percival's blk p Sprite (W. Eglington), and Mr. John Hamilton's Scroggins (H. Grouse). The terms of the engagement was a trot of two miles, according to fair and recognised rules; and the *petite* champions had to traverse the course eight times round, in order to complete the specified distance. There was no speculation that came within our knowledge. A start was effected a few minutes beyond six o'clock, when Scroggins boundingly pulled himself together, and took a decided lead. The Sprite, as fully active as any of the elfin troupe, had, however, all the turn of speed, gave Scroggins his quietus before 150 yds had been covered, rattled away unconcernedly enough, and won, under 8 min, by as much as three lengths.

HUNTING GOSSIP.

After the almost unparalleled length of service with hounds, exceeding half a century, the veteran Jen Hills has resigned the Heythrop horn to his nephew Tom. At the juvenile age of ten Jen Hills commenced his venatic studies by whipping in to the Duke of Dorset's Harriers in Essex; but a fatal accident befel his Grace in 1815, and the harriers were discontinued. He then took a turn among the flints and hills in Surrey at the time Mr. Maberley was master, and became first whip and kennel huntsman to Colonel Wyndham before he had attained, in legal parlance, the years of discretion. But he was pre-conscious withal, rejoicing in quick perceptions and retentive instincts. The Sussex establishment was disbanded in 1826, when an opening in the Duke of Beaufort's kennels introduced Hills at Badminton, at the time when William Long first became the huntsman. This continued five years, when Lord Ducie required his services in the Vale of White Horse. His lordship's occupation continued only another five years, at which time the Heythrop Hounds were established, when Hills was engaged as huntsman, and with them he has continued till the present period. To him is the merit entirely due of forming and breeding the pack, and it is scarcely possible to imagine anything more exciting than his mode of handling them in the field; from his inimitable cheer on first fluting their fox, throughout the run, when his skill and quickness told with immense effect, to the final "Who-hoop," all was performed with the tact of a workman. It is extremely gratifying to observe that his good deeds have not been forgotten, and that he retires with a comfortable annuity, provided by members of the Heythrop. We regret to hear that Frank Beers, in consequence of ill-health, is under the necessity of a temporary absence from his duties, and that his father is officiating for him at the Duke of Grafton's kennels.—Stephen Goodall is engaged to Mr. Lane Fox to hunt the Bramham Moor country for the ensuing season. The country is well stocked with foxes.



"THE CULATE," a fancy sketch by Ben Herring, Esq.

in long steady work again. Valido is turned out of training, and Dollar has broken down. Mount Palatin has much improved by his late rest.

DANEUBURY.—The Duke is reported to be going like a steam engine, and they have nothing fast enough to lead him in his work. The driver is very backward. Kenig has not got over his break down in the spring of the year. Siberia goes a great deal better than she did, but is not back to her old form yet. Helen is only walking. Lady Rosamund is in the hospital, and both Maria Richard and Redcap are in physic. Copenhagen is being specially prepared for the big handicaps at head quarters.

MALTON.—The Lion is very fit and well. Farwell and General Peel are still lame. Regalia is doing capital work every morning with Kate Hampton; and finishes like a lioness. Clara is not fit, having been turned out since Ascot. White Duck is much improved; but the Brown Beauty filly (3 yrs) is exceedingly moderate. Coleridge has thickened very much. Ben Battle is a nice horse and a good gear. Our contemporaries are in error about Karshina being aquis. War was so seriously injured by a cab, en route to the Stockton races, that he will not be able to run this year. Claremont is in nice condition now, but he is a rogue. Irritation is gone out of training, and Fall Bloom has been sent to Tom Dawson's. Caller Out is doing scarcely anything. Missie, Stratford, Brother to Christians, Sister to Ascham, Reginald, and Exceller are all doing well.

MIDDLEHAM.—La Touques is not lame, but doing good work; as also is The Lion, who goes great guns with Malta. The following are all fit: Light Heart, Harry Brailford, Brown Bread, Club Queen, Lalla Rookh, Trump Card, Blue Riband, The Ozar, Lady Vane, Reginald, Sister to Chubbuck, Theobald, Lord of the Vale, Vulture, Lady Elfrida, and with the Difference, Theobaldia, Night Stroller, Balaam, Castanet, Roboco, Jezabel, Haphazard, Keo, Blue Riband has won a trial with Reginald.

HALEY.—Lord Lyon is fit and well, but not wanted before Doncaster. Nightwatch is much fitter than he was at Goodwood; he is a slow beginner but steady. Gratitude is doing nothing at present. Ethana is still in training. Zantoni does long work for something. My Hobby is not fit yet. The Student has been walking only during the past week. Gardisvire is in good work, and goes well. Pigrum has been leading The Primate and Beelzebub, and the latter is a good cut. Master Archie and Killcraunk are at rest. Wild Charley, Liddington, and Cris is only walking. Topper is doing little or no work; but The Duke is getting exceedingly fit. His legs began to move, and he is now doing well. King of Utopia does nothing. Ludicrous is doing, and Dilly Dally also.

JAWES.—Swindon is being kept for the Cesarewitch and Cambridgehire, and prepared accordingly. Blackdown has been bought for Mr. Padwick for £1,500, but remains at Drowett's. Bally Edmund is dead again. Wild Agnes, Longhorn, The Performer, Buckfoot, Dilly, Dead School Boy, Strathkildy, Marlborough, Lord Douglas, Appleby, Gladstone, Keo, are all doing well.

RACING PICTURES.

AUGUST.
Litchfield 26, 29 Derby Summer 30, 31
Deron and Exeter 29, 30 Weymouth 31

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Leicester 7, 9 Manchester Autumn 22, 23
Doncaster 10, 11, 12 Worcester Autumn 27, 28, 29
Bristol 18, 19 Walsall 27, 28

OCTOBER.
Northampton 6, 8 Newmarket II 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
Newmarket & O. 9, 10, 11, 12 Worcester Autumn 31
Curragh 27, 28

NOVEMBER.
Worcester Autumn (continued) 11 Shrewsbury 13, 14

BETTING AT TATTERSALLS.—MONDAY.

The betting over Egham, Stockton, and Oxford, was most satisfactorily adjusted, and attention was then directed towards the Great Ebor Handicap, but the transactions there were neither numerous nor heavy, for members were anxious to get off early to York. Uncertain how he is, and said to be "rather into the money," Clarendon was the most in request. A few investments were made about the Guide. Nemo was not such a force as he was on Saturday, for he was very heavily offered at last; and 8 to 1 was easily obtainable about Hollyfox, who is reported to have been eased in his work since his return from the City, and had tired them out here. We saw to 5 taken about Gladstone to a trifle for the Leger, and 8 to 1 Regalia. The Derby was but slightly touched upon. The City—

GREAT EBOR HANDICAP.

4 to 1 agt Clarendon (t) 7 to 1 agt Hollyfox (off, 18 to 1)
6 to 2 — Nemo (t) 12 to 1 — Lady Hydra (off, 12 to 1)
6 to 1 — Nemo (t and off) 10 to 1 — Lady Hydra (t)
6 to 5 agt Gladstone (t) 8 to 1 agt Regalia (t)

DERBY.

100 to 6 agt Lord Lyon (t) 10 to 1 agt Redan (t)
25 to 1 — Auguste (t) 20 to 1 — Mesmero (t)
30 to 1 — Beelzebub (t) 20 to 1 — Bismarck (t)

There was a very excellent muster in Wellington street on Monday, and considering the extraordinary movements which have startled backers of horses lately, speculation was tolerably brisk. For the Great Ebor Handicap Clarendon was decidedly the favourite. He was really much better than he was at the City. The G. de. friends were quite as sanguine. We could not, however, satisfactorily trace any change of opinion in the latter's favor. Nemo was backed rather freely at 11 to 2, which had the effect of sending Hornblower to 5 to 1, off; the young 'un, nevertheless, may "come again." Hollyfox, whom every one rated as the best horse in the race, but were frightened to entrust him with too much, and knowing what Mr. Perry's intention are, went at 8 to 1. A little business was done about Lady Hydra at 100 to 5, but those odds were being about Little John. Hollyfox had more friends for the Cesarewitch than for the York race; and there was plenty of money in the market for it, by against Gladstone and Regalia for the Leger. Maria was backed for an even 2,000 against Mesmero in next year's Derby. Closing prices:—

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4 to 1 agt Clarendon (t) 8 to 1 — Hollyfox (t)
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DONCASTER ST. LEGER.

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CEASAREWICH STAKES.

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THE DERBY, 1866.

The members left early, either to attend the setting at Tattersall's, or en route for York, where a good meeting is expected.

BETTING AT MANCHESTER.—MONDAY.

Very few attended the subscription to-day. At one time 5 to 1 was to be had about Clarendon for the Great Ebor Handicap, but he closed at 7 to 2. And the Guide left off second favourite at 9 to 2. Nemo, having done longer work than Hornblower, was supported at 6 to 1. Hollyfox was friendless at 7 to 1.

THURSDAY.

No betting on future events. Members at York Meeting.

The following have arrived at P. Boyce's stable, at Newmarket: A two-year-old colt by Young Monarque, Annamaria, a two-year-old filly by Lexington—Ann Laurie, and Silencio, a bay yearling filly by Knight of Kara—Wist.

WEST DRAYTON SPORTING MEETING.

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Mr. Geo. Brittain, of Helms, will give £12 7s. 6d. for bettors who win more than £20, distance 120 yds. on Sept. 23. Entrance, 1s, and acceptance, 1s. 6d. Entries to be made by next Monday at Bill Lang's, Navigation, Great Ancoats-street; James Holliday's, White Lion, 10, Market-street; Harry's, 64, Brompton-road; Mrs. Harcourt's, Circus Tavern, Great Bridge-street, Manchester; J. Any, J. Peckham, T. Wain, Upper Duke Street, Hulme, or at the ground. Any number of persons may enter. Professionals can enter by applying to J. Brittain, who they may be able to handle in their favor.

COVENTRY GROUND.—There was a tolerable good muster here last Saturday, to witness a trial of 120 yds. between C. Heaton, of Middleton, and D. Schofield, of Heywood. Heaton being allowed three yds at start, for £10 a side; before, Mr. Thomas Hayes, the proprietor, who had been present, start was effected by means of a flag, but Schofield was unable to collar his opponent, who ran in an easy winner by two yds. The wagering was 7 to 4 and 3 to 1 on the winner.

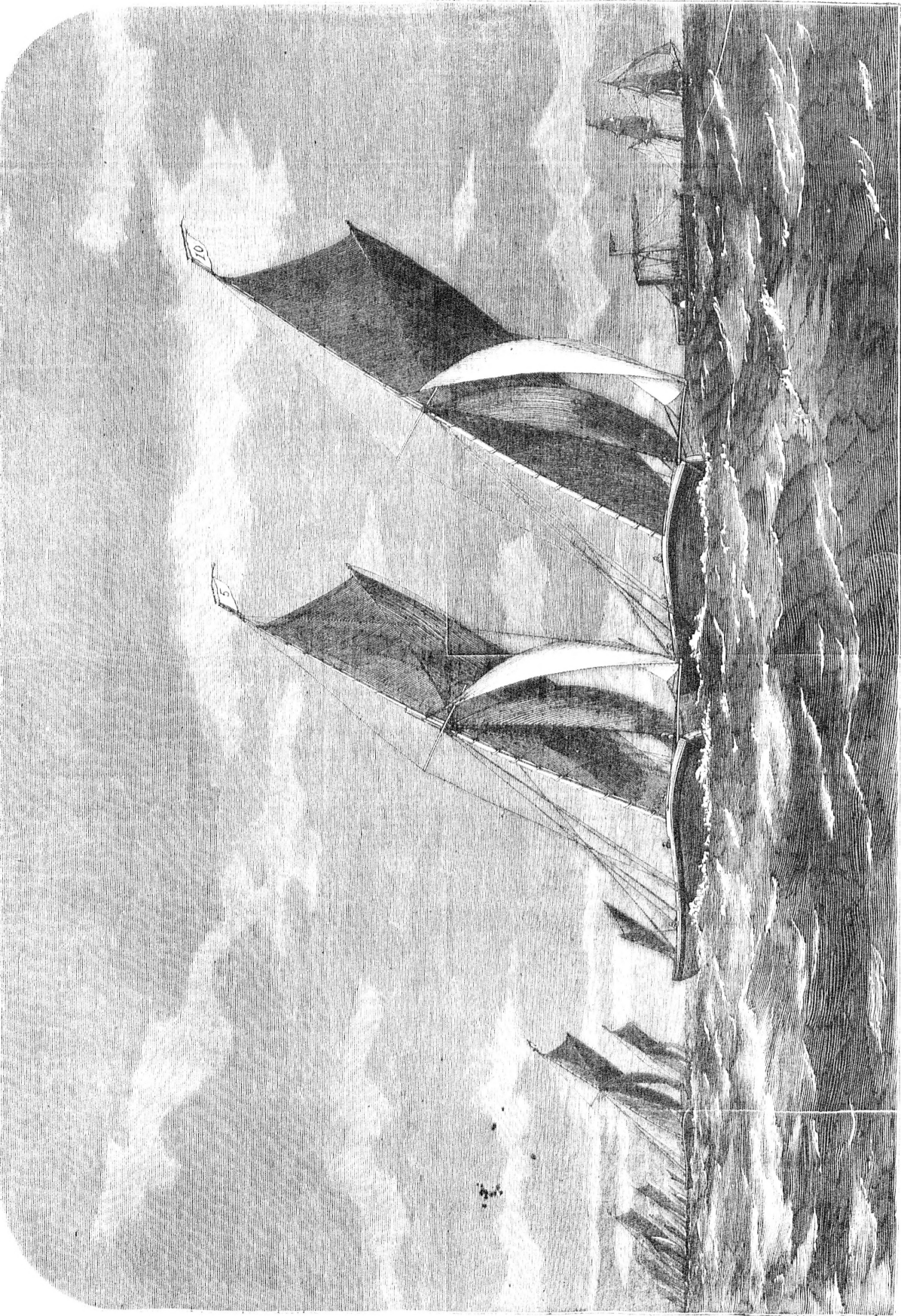
COVENTRY GROUND.—Monday afternoon was set apart for the trial of speed between J. W. Patten, and W. Hery, both of Middleton, they having agreed to run 40 yds for £10 a side. Referee, Mr. Thomas Hayes. The betting was 6 to 4 on Patten, but Patten won easily.

WARRING.—Articles and lots, each have been received by Mr. Thos. Hayes, for a match between Kirkham, of Heywood, and Ansonagh, of Manchester, for the jump at 3 spring jumps for a tanner. To come off on Sept. 30.

LEADS.

[Extra.]

On Monday evening only 200 persons were present at the White Horse Race Grounds, York. Leads, to witness the concluding race, match between W. Wood's 120 yds. 1st English-Bred, for a silver cup, and stop watch, valued £50, 1st prize, 120 yds. 2nd, 120 yds. 3rd, 120 yds. 4th, 120 yds. 5th, 120 yds. 6th, 120 yds. 7th, 120 yds. 8th, 120 yds. 9th, 120 yds. 10th, 120 yds. 11th, 120 yds. 12th, 120 yds. 13th, 120 yds. 14th, 120 yds. 15th, 120 yds. 16th, 120 yds. 17th, 120 yds. 18th, 120 yds. 19th, 120 yds. 20th, 120 yds. 21st, 120 yds. 22nd, 120 yds. 23rd, 120 yds. 24th, 120 yds. 25th, 120 yds. 26th, 120 yds. 27th, 120 yds. 28th, 120 yds. 29th, 120 yds. 30th, 120 yds. 31st, 120 yds. 32nd, 120 yds. 33rd, 120 yds. 34th, 120 yds. 35th, 120 yds. 36th, 120 yds. 37th, 120 yds. 38th, 120 yds. 39th, 120 yds. 40th, 120 yds. 41st, 120 yds. 42nd, 120 yds. 43rd, 120 yds. 44th, 120 yds. 45th, 120 yds. 46th, 120 yds. 47th, 120 yds. 48th, 120 yds. 49th, 120 yds. 50th, 120 yds. 51st, 120 yds. 52nd, 120 yds. 53rd, 120 yds. 54th, 120 yds. 55th, 120 yds. 56th, 120 yds. 57th, 120 yds. 58th, 120 yds. 59th, 120 yds. 60th, 120 yds. 61st, 120 yds. 62nd, 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THE GREAT SAILING TACCE MATCH, AUGUST 15. THE LEADING VESSELS RUNNING DOWN STA REACH.

"Agnes."

"Surprise."

ANGLING.

By "PISCATOR" (Late of the *Sporting Gazette*).

PRACTICAL HINTS.

Oh, the gallant fisher's life,
It is the best of any,
'Tis full of pleasure, void of strife,
And 'tis beloved by many—WALTON.

As these articles are written with the view to instruct those who seek an acquaintance with piscatorial pursuits, and are anxious to attain a degree of skill in the art of taking fish, it has ever been my aim to render all details as simple and lucid as possible, and not to fetter the student with a mass of technicalities, or swell the theme with unimportant observations or verbose language; and I cannot refrain from remarking that many writers upon fishing puzzle the beginner by a compilation of directions and unnecessary observations as regards bait and tackle, when the affair might be placed before him in a few plain and straightforward sentences. One of the most requisite points for the aspirant to regard is to study the nature and habits of the fish he is endeavouring to capture; for whilst some species exhibit the greatest boldness and daring, and will take almost any bait—indifferent alike to time and the state of the water—others, on the contrary, betray such timidity and sensitive apprehension, that to secure them the fisherman must exercise the nicest judgment, the utmost caution, and select the most seductive morsels to tempt the suspicious prey.

Perhaps a few brief observations upon rods, lines, and baits, may not be unserviceable to my readers; and to commence with the first, my opinion is, that a hickory-rod is far preferable to any other, and quite sufficient to satisfy all the requirements of bottom-fishing. One of four joints, with a stiff top, and a longer and more pliant one that will fit into the second joint, and be nearly as stout as the usual third joint, will answer every purpose; and although bamboo is lighter, and takes not the muscles of the arm so much as one of hickory, yet the latter is much less liable to break, and, in such a misfortune occur, is mended easier and more effectively. If you are fishing close in a bamboo is all very well, but with any exposure to water, and where you have to cast your bait with accuracy in a given spot, possibly between weeds or other obstructions, you will find that a hickory rod is more available, for the simple reason that being heavier it resists the wind better, and the spring which it possesses takes off a portion of the fatigue which would otherwise fall upon your arm and wrist. When you purchase a rod, have an eye to the soundness of the wood, and satisfy yourself that it is put together in a workman-like manner, and, what is perhaps more important, still, have an eye relative to the balance; for a rod imperfectly weighted is as useless in the grasp of a fisherman as a cue possessing the same fault would be in the hand of an *artiste* at billiards. Whether it be cane or hickory it should play from about the middle of the first joint, gradually springing to the top. Always select rings of large size, in fact, of circles sufficient to pass a slitting through, as, in the event of your line kinking, they allow the obstruction to pass, and many good fish have been saved in consequence.

To avoid top heaviness in the hickory rod, a lance-wood top joint is generally adopted, as being lighter and more elastic, and white cane forms the apex of one composed of bamboo; whalebone also is in consideration, but of course much depends upon the fish you are trying for. Let the sockets be of metal, with the wood alone to fit into them, and keep a rod in proper condition you should observe the happy medium between moisture and dryness, as too much of the former has a tendency to rot, and an excess of the latter renders it brittle. It may be requisite in the heat of summer to wet the joints before putting them together, and although this process frequently causes them to stick, they may easily be detached by placing them for a short period before a fire.

For trolling or spearing your rod should be about twelve or fourteen feet long; light, and possessing at the same time sufficient strength and spring to enable you to cast your bait a considerable distance without great and annoying exertion. For bank fishing one of bamboo, about eighteen or twenty feet long, with top to suit all requirements, will be found efficacious, and for punt fishing you will find that one about ten feet long that springs well from the point, will suit your purpose perfectly.

Various opinions exist as to the best line to adopt either in jack or bottom fishing; but the eight-plait silk is principally in request for the former, although many genuine and clever anglers give the preference to Russian braid, which they contend is more durable, runs better, and, what is a great desideratum, is considerably less costly. A six-plait silk is the best for barbel, and the well-known Nottingham line will suit every other variety of fishing, but as a rule the finer your tackle is, compatible with its strength, the better you will find it. The gut should be stained brown, as in its natural colour it glitters too much, and so has a tendency to excite suspicion, and in selecting it always choose that which is round, as the formation denotes the quality. Three or four feet from the surface of the water to the top of your rod is sufficient, for if you have too much line out you are unable to strike with the requisite exactitude. Be particularly careful to dry the line after a day's fishing, or it will soon become rotten and no reliance can be placed upon it, and an occasional dressing with beeswax will keep it in good working order, and preserve it, by

rendering it impervious to the water. As hooks are made, and numbered according to the fish you are in quest of, I need not take up my own or reader's time by any description, but simply refer him to any establishment for the sale thereof; but a patent quill or porcupine float for pond fishing, or slow waters, has ever been a great favourite with me, although in the Thames, or any rapid streams, one of cork is indispensable, and always requisite for perch, barbel, and the heavier descriptions of the enemy.

Relative to baits, much depends upon the water, and time of year, and not a little upon the fancy or caprice of the fisherman. Worms will ever be greedily in request, for almost every species of fish will take them greedily, and perhaps the most fashionable and at the same time seductive are the "red worms," easily obtained from cow dung, manure heaps, and ten that has been for a lengthened period in one spot. Brandlings differ from the former by being encircled with yellow rings, and perch are particularly partial to them, whilst lob worms can be procured in any quantity from moist turf, or if you boast of a lawn and garden as agreeable addenda to your mansion, you may fill your moss without any difficulty in an evening, especially after a brisk shower of rain. Eels, bream and barbel entertain a very high opinion of this latter crawler, although many experienced Waltonians adopt guppies alone or small red worms for bream. Trout will take the loo and marsh-worm freely, if small and lively; the perch and carp also; and perhaps gulleons prefer the blood-worm; but in every case the learner should not allow any por-

tion of the tail, or at least, much of it, to hang uselessly from the hook, or the fish may nip it off, and then declare that morel which conceals the barb. You can keep them very well for some days in moss, wetted occasionally; but if you possess no opportunity to use them, in about a week's time turn them into a pan, partly filled with earth, which will cause them to rot, and their health and freshness. The moss should be kept in a cool place, and changed as frequently as scrupulous cleanliness demands that attention. Gentles are ever in demand with the bottom fisher, and almost any fish will take them eagerly. Liver gentles are preferred to those bred from carrion, and to render them sufficiently tough they may be secured in damp sand, and many adepts in the art use bran afterwards. Carrion gentles are mostly used with other compounds for ground-bait. *Appos* to this description of bait, allow me to recommend young anglers, to whom indeed this chapter is principally addressed, to choose any box to store away his gentles when bent on fishing, rather than one composed of tin; the lid invariably gets jammed, and when it does open it is with a jerk, which capsize half the contents, and possibly makes you give utterance to ejaculations more coarse and expressive than gentle and refined. Paste baits are only serviceable for pond fishing, and in water with little or no current, and must be procured with the nicest regard to cleanliness. Fresh dough, mixed with a small quantity of wool, to cause it to adhere to the hook, and dusted with a little flour to obviate the stickiness, is alone required, except in the case of sweet paste for carp, when honey is substituted for the wool, and bread for the dough, and it is coloured with a little red lead or vermilion, to give it the semblance of salmon roe, it will be found to possess additional attractions. The smaller the quantity used in still waters, the greater chance you will have of taking fish, and perhaps the wool should be dispensed with altogether, except where the strength of the stream demands that such an auxiliary should be resorted to the aid of the piscator. Bream, carp, dace and other species take the sweet paste with avidity. Cheese paste for chub should be composed of good ripe cheese—not the strong and rotten—in the proportion of one part cheese, to three parts bread; but many use cheese alone, without kneading it with the staff of life; roach are also partial to this bait. It is almost useless, and quite tedious to recapitulate the various and multitudinous inducements which you may offer to pander to the taste, or tempt the appetite of the finny tribe, but as I shall recur to this subject in a subsequent paper, I hope to put my readers in possession of some useful information, an esteemed friend who has added so much to the literature of angling in the *non de plume* of "Benjamin Badaud" being engaged in experimentalising upon bait, the result of which he has kindly signified his intention of placing at my disposal. In every case where practicable, eschew anything of an artificial description; try to offer to the notice of the prey the food adapted best to his nature and habits, and as a grayling or trout will refuse with contempt, occasionally, the most luring fly, and yet seize rapturously a grub which has rolled from an over-hanging bank or stone, or a caterpillar which has dropped from a pendant branch, so will the crafty carp oftentimes turn up his lastidious nose at honey paste to grab a nauseous blue bottle, and the wary chub denote his indifference to baiter or pith abstracted from healthy sheep or bullocks, to luxuriate in the edible delights of an autumnal blackberry which has been blown from its prickly bough, or feast with a Lucullus-like gusto upon a chirping grasshopper, or a repulsive black beetle.

LARGE TAKE OF TYNE SALMON.—The take of salmon at the mouth of the Tyne during the last few days has been large. In one case 135 fine large salmon and 36 grilse were caught and sent to Newcastle. On Saturday there was an immense take of this noble fish in the Tyne, especially at Newburn. Cartloads reached Newcastle in the morning, and found a ready sale at the various fishmongers' shops in the town, at 9d. per lb, a price much cheaper than butchers' rates. It is many years since such a large quantity of salmon has been taken in one tide in the Tyne. If measures were adopted for a mitigation of the stagnation which are poured into the Tyne from sewers, manufactories, and other sources, there can be little doubt but the Tyne would regain its character as one of the finest salmon rivers in the kingdom.—*Newcastle Courant*.

HOLLINGWORTH LAKE, NEAR MANCHESTER.—Professor Ponton, host of the Griffin Inn, Upper Medlock-street, Holme, Manchester, will give three handsome cups to be fished for here on Monday next, August 28. Entrance fee, 6s. each, including dinner and free fishing in the Lake. Prizes:—First prize, champion cup, greatest weight of fish; second prize, cup, second greatest weight of fish; third prize, cup, third greatest weight of fish.

SAILING BARGE MATCH, AUGUST 15.

Our illustration shows the two leading barges, the *Agnes* and the *Surprise*, having left the others some distance, running almost beam and beam, which they did for miles down Sea Beach, the *Surprise* laying gradually drawn up to the leader—the *Agnes*, which had been in front almost from the start. The match between the two was most exciting to their friends on board the steamers, as one or the other drew a trifle ahead; but at last *Surprise*, after a hard struggle, got by to windward, and had a clear head of a length or two, but on nearing the Nore lightsail, making rather a wide turn, *Agnes*, which was well handled, and a straighter course, and just cut her out, and was round before her. The rounding at the Nore was one of the prettiest sights on the river this season, the wind being very strong, and the large fleet of barges rushing up to the lightsail, and rounding—some very wide—made it altogether a very lively scene.

Matilda, and Amy (top next), and Charles and Elizabeth (stump), sail again next Tuesday for two handsome silver cups (one for each class), and the two winners will also receive each a beautiful flag, with the proud inscription of "Champion Barge, 1865," given by H. Dodd, to whom belongs the merit, we believe, of having originated the match, and also of most liberally supporting them, an example well worthy of imitation, as they are calculated to excite a feeling of emulation, and to encourage good conduct among a most deserving class of men.

THE AMERICAN BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.—The next and seventh match for the Championship of American Billiards, between John Deery, of Washington, and Louis Fox, of Rochester, is now definitely fixed to come off on Thursday, Sept. 7th; Rochester being the scene of the contest. There is but little interest felt in this match, the success of the present holder of the Golden Cue over his Washington rival being regarded as a foregone conclusion.

A TWO-HEADED CAT.—A remarkable case of *lunar* nature occurred last week. A cat belonging to Mr. Walker, corner, Drysdale-street, gave birth to two kittens. One of them had two heads, being joined together; there being, however, only three eyes. Two were in their natural places of each respective head, and the third was situated at the juncture of the heads. The poor creature had the usual number of feet, and was sent off to be stuffed for preservation shortly after birth.—*Alloa Advertiser*.



MRS. BRIAN, the Eminent Comic Vocalist.

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK.

THE NEW ADELPHI THEATRE.—Mr. Branson, the spirited manager, and lessee of this favourite place of resort, has brought out a number of popular dramas, &c., during the week, the principal item in the programme being the new drama entitled, "Its Better Late than Never, or Sunshine through the Mist." This is brought out with new scenery, and other adjuncts to imposing and brilliant effect. Mr. Walter Keeble, the American tragedian, has been re-engaged for the purpose of sustaining one of the principal characters.

THE ROYAL COLLOSSUM.—A new drama, entitled "The Confederate's Daughter, or the Tyrant of New Orleans," said to be complete

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HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE.

	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.
SATURDAY, Aug. 28.....	40 min past 4	6 min past 5
SUNDAY.....	41 min past 4	37 min past 5
MONDAY.....	43 min past 4	12 min past 6
TUESDAY.....	45 min past 4	55 min past 6
WEDNESDAY.....	47 min past 4	43 min past 7
THURSDAY.....	49 min past 4	5 min past 9
FRIDAY.....	40 min past 9	20 min past 10
SATURDAY, Sept. 2.....	41 min past 9	40 min past 11

In calculating the time of High Water at Chelsea, 35 minutes must be added to that given at London Bridge; 60 minutes must be added for Putney; Ham-mersmith is one hour later; Barnes, 1 hour and 10 minutes; Kew, 1 hour and 20 minutes; and Richmond, 1 hour and 15 minutes later than London Bridge.

HIGH WATER AT OTHER PORTS AND RIVERS.

The following tables will show the difference of time of high water between London Bridge and the undermentioned places, which will be a useful guide, more especially during the aquatic season. The plan will be simply to either add or subtract the time set opposite to the name of each place to or from the time of high water at London Bridge for the day required; the a will denote to add to, and the s to subtract from:—

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For example, if high water at London Bridge be at 54 minutes past which it will be on the morning of the 5th of November, and if the time for that day be required at Chatham, subtract 1 hour and 5 minutes, and that will give it as 49 minutes past 11; at Sunderland, add 1 hour 16 minutes. It will be high water at 9 minutes past 4.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			
1st Inn.		2nd Inn.	
J. Smith & Bignall & Shaw	0	c Biddulph & Shaw	25
J. Saunders & Wootton & Shaw	54	c Hinde & Jackson	30
F. Pryor & Wootton & Shaw	5	b not out.....	0
C. Warren, Esq., & Tinsley	5	b not out.....	0
T. Hayward & Desrobb & Shaw	16	b w & Jackson	10
W. Sanders runs out	0	c Biddulph & Jackson	10
G. Tarrant & Brampton & Shaw	10	b Jackson	13
J. Perkins, Esq., & Jackson	5	c Bignall & Shaw	4
D. Hayward runs out	4	c Walling & Jackson	2
W. Sanders & Tinsley & Shaw	1	c Biddulph & Jackson	1
J. Reynolds & Wootton & Shaw	0	c Grundy & Shaw	2
b	1	b	2
Total.....	86	Total.....	64

MATCHES TO COME

AUGUST.

22.—Thames Rowing Club—Giz Fours, Putney.
20.—Ariel Rowing Club—Pairs.
28.—Pair-oared race, by the Metropolitan Amateur Rowing Clubs.
26.—Temple Yacht Club—Sailing match, Charlton to Greenhithe and back.
25.—South London Rowing Club—Fours, Putney.
27.—Kensington Regatta.
24.—Shoreham Regatta.
29.—Lambeth United Rowing Club—Fours, Putney to Barnes.
28.—Royal Cornwall Regatta, Falmouth.
30.—Dover and Cinque Ports Regatta.

SEPTEMBER.

9.—West London Rowing Club—Junior Sculls.
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conditions in the articles were fulfilled, and the day, August 18. Kelly and Chambers having had the

the Championship, were of course fit for this event, while Cooper, who began hard work three weeks ago, and reached Lyon on Saturday last, proved by his trials over the course that his form was not to be doubted. He weighed 10 st 12 lb. Kelly reached Lyon on Monday. He also rowed well over the course, and betting was 7 to 4 on him, 5 to 2 on Chambers, and 4 to 1 against Cooper. He rowed at 10st 8lb on the day, and was again the second best. He weighed 10st 12 lb on Tuesday. He weighed 11st 2lb, and also did good work in practice. On the eventful day the weather was tolerably fine, and the Great Eastern, having put on specials, brought down a large number of spectators from all parts. Boats from Newcastle also contributed to the number. The boats were all in excellent condition, and the men turned out, all looking in splendid condition. The tide had just turned, and after a preliminary paddle they all went to their stations at the top end of the course, it having been arranged that the race should start at 12 noon. The boats were all in a line, and the start was on the east side, Kelly in the centre, and Chambers on the west.

THE RACE.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR 1965.
AUGUST.

20—At Stoke Newington, Belmont Albion Club v Stoke Newington
21—At Crystal Palace, Alameda Club v Slingshot
22—At Hackney, Aldergate Club (second eleven) v Hackney
23—At Forest Hill, Aldergate Club v Ovis
24—At Elton, Holland Club v Clapton (return)
25—At Clapton, Northampton Club v Clapton Montagu,
26—At Hampstead, East Surrey Club v Parkfield (return)
27—At Paris, Civil Service Club v Paris
28—At Southgate, Surrey Club v Southgate (return)
29—At Southend, the U.S. of England Eleven v Twenty-two of the District
30—At Scarborough, the All England Eleven v Twenty-two of District
31—At Scarborough, the U.S. of England Eleven v Twenty-two of District
1—At Sheffield, Kent v Yorkshire (return)
2—At Hackney, Aldergate C. (second eleven) v Broomham (second eleven)
3—At Hackney, Inceogiti v Slingshot
4—At Hampstead, East Surrey Club v Parkfield (return)
5—At Hagley, Inceogiti v Hagley
6—At Folscombe, United North of England Eleven v Twenty-two
7—At Easing Park, Wimbledon Club v Easing Park (return)
8—At West Bromwich, Inceogiti v West Bromwich

THE RACE.

SUPPLEMENT

- 2—At Blackheath, Aldersgate Club v Hibernian Montpelier
- 2—At Hackney, Aldersgate Club (second eleven) v Carlton
- 4—At Birkenshaw, United All England Eleven v Twenty-two of Birkenshaw
- 4—At Carlisle, Carlisle England Eleven v Twenty-two of District
- 4—At The Yode, near Welwyn, Wimbledon Club v The Yode
- 5—At Twinn Water, near Welwyn, Wimbledon Club v Twinn Water
- 5—At Holloway, Islington Albion Club v Kingsbury
- 4—At Maitling, Eltham Club v Winton (return)
- 7—At St. Mary Cray, Aldersgate Club v Cray
- 4—At Peckham, East Surrey Club v Richmond (second eleven)
- 0—At Eton and Merton, Aldersgate Club v Clarendon Amateurs
- 4—At Blackheath, Aldersgate Club (second eleven) v Queens Road
- 0—At Tufnell Park, Holford Club v Victoria United (return)
- 13—At Belfast, North of Ireland v South (return)
- 4—At Gravesend, Gravesend and Tilbury v Gravesend Match
- 10—At Hackney, Aldersgate Club v Blackheath Montpelier
- 11—At Wimbledon, Wimbledon Club v Wimbledon Spencer Club
- 23—At Lords, Holford Club v Albany (return)

to the eagerness of the north countrymen secured, but at four minutes past six they were off.

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPIES.—A bat warhorse, in London, that he a single question proposed to an Englishman, a Scotchman, and an Irishman, a characteristic reply would be elicited from each of them. Three representative labourers were accordingly called in, and separately asked: "What will you take to run round Russell-square, stripped to the shirt?" While the Englishman unhesitatingly answered, "A pint of porter," the humorous response of the Irishman was, "A mighty frost-bite!" The man of the North, however, in lieu of condescending upon any such joke, "What will you," cautiously replied, with an eye to a good bargain, "What will your honour give?"

Owing to the eagerness of the north countrymen several false starts occurred, but at four minutes past six they were off on every corner turn. Immediately after starting Cooper assumed the lead, while Kelly followed him, having assumed a lead of a quarter of a length. Kelly being the same in front of Chambers, who spurred, but at 250 yards began to trail, the pace shutting him up in the most unobtainable manner. A half mile had scarcely passed when Kelly was again in the lead, and at the end of the first Huddell here he put it on again, and at a quarter of a mile again led by a quarter of a length, the men in the excitement of the struggle boring wounds each other. A truly grand race it was between them, and the spectators were so close that many of the horses nearly fell in the rear again, as Cooper put on spurt for spurt in repeated succession. At 600 yards no alteration had occurred in the position of the leaders, but so far as Chambers' concern he was already well out of the race, and at 700 yards Kelly was leading by a half length, which cleared him. Both Kelly and Cooper were now fairly stretched, and continued to close towards each other, Kelly being most in the front. When he was close to Cooper, however, he saw his mistake, and pulling up he gave way to the earnestness of the chase, and very seriously somewhat impeding him, gave a slight advantage to Cooper. Kelly increased his lead to nearly a half length. The instant that Cooper was straight, however, he put it on and at the half distance he was again in the lead, and at three quarters of a mile Kelly made a great effort, and came away to his original lead, and as he was gradually drawing across the river was evidently some what impatient; Kelly, whose position was not nearly so advantageous, took aim at the leader, and at the end of the race was in the lead by one length and a half. At about a thousand yards from the start the Londoner, however, who would not be denied, again drew to within

few feet of Cooper's bows, when the north countryman renewed his splendid rowing, and led by nearly half a length, Chambers at this time being two lengths at least behind, and falling off fast. Cooper now continued to bore Kelly, who was rowing with the utmost fairness and giving way. Between the half mile and three quarters Kelly twice spurted up till he was nearly level, but never till they were within a hundred yards of one mile did he draw quite up, when for a short space they kept together, but Cooper, however, proved that it was not over yet, for a magnificent spurt took him half a length at least in front of the southerner, who, although rowing at his utmost pace, and displaying his points to the utmost perfection, could evidently make but little impression upon the more despatched outsider. In the positions above indicated they passed the mile post, when the friends of Harry, who seemed to be more numerous than those of the others, called upon him to put it on, and fifty yards over the mile he came dead level by a tremendous effort. Now, for the first time in the race, Cooper seemed unable to answer successfully the repeated and plucky spurts of his opponent, but he continued the boring we have spoken of before until Kelly was very nearly ashore, first pulling his right leg to clear, and then pulling his left again, and so perpetually keeping up a continual and severe war for Kelly to row through, which conduct was most unjustifiable, as clearly to lose much ground by coming from his own water into Kelly's, besides leaving the best tide in the centre of the river. He still managed by these tactics to keep just ahead. Kelly again and again drew up, and yet the quarter mile posts were passed on after the other, and nothing which could have indicated the result, 200 yards after the mile the men, finding themselves so evenly matched, began to steal anxious looks at each other, and both slackened a trifle for a blow, and then, putting double vigour into their strokes, they lay down to it again, and passed the fifth quarter mile post. Cooper, however, was still in front, Chambers four lengths astern. Kelly, who had given way time after time to Cooper, had now scarcely sufficient scull row, but still tried to go on his own side, Cooper getting now three-quarters of a length in front. Just before the mile and a half Kelly spurted again, and Cooper drawing across him, Kelly's wooden scull touched Cooper's washboard. Cooper, who had been previously cautioned three times by the referee, then spurring, drew away another quarter of a length, and Kelly, who stopped a second and claimed a foul, then pulled his right arm and came under Cooper's stern, to the off-side, so that Cooper now was well clear; but Kelly, spurring once more, drew on to and then over his opponent's stern, and so finished this great race.

On a subsequent appeal to the referee, that official at once decided that Kelly had won, as after behaving in such a manner, and in such a way, he had been a coward, and then fouled. On the second money, therefore, goes to Chambers, who, picking up at the finish, was beaten three lengths. Of him it should be said that he pulled a very plucky stroke, but lost by the course he took, and was evidently under a disadvantage in meeting two such fast men. The time occupied in rowing the entire distance was 11 min. 37 sec.

KINGSTON ROWING CLUB.

The gig fours of the above club raced for handsome prizes on Saturday as usual, under the course in all the heats being from the Waterworks to the Chapel.

FIRST HEAT.

Mr. Bennett's Crew—E. A. Baylis, H. F. Wilkinson, F. Brown, G. Bennett, F. Walton (cox) (Middlesex station)	1
Mr. Wilson's Crew—C. G. Walpole (cox) (Surrey station)	2
Wilson; C. Walton (cox) (centre station)	1
Mr. Percival's Crew—E. Woodgate, J. Meynell, F. W. Rowlett, J. H. Percival; E. Clowes (cox) (Surrey station)	0

A magnificent race, in which two such fast men. The time occupied in rowing the entire distance was 11 min. 37 sec.

SECOND HEAT.

Mr. Gibbons' Crew—O. Coleman, G. P. Coleman, A. Mowbray, W. Gibbons; C. G. Walpole (cox) (Surrey station)	1
Mr. St. James' Crew—F. Dent, A. Burgess, C. C. Schofield, St. Y. W. Jervis; C. D. Hodgson (cox) (Middlesex station)	0

A very good race to the island, after which Gibbons drew out, and won rather easily by two lengths.

THIRD HEAT.

Mr. Gibbons' Crew (Surrey station)	1
Mr. Bennett's Crew (Middlesex station)	0

Gibbons was clear after 400 yards, but, after a desperate race to the island, Bennett spurted gamely, and overhauled, drawing nearly half a length at the Boat House, where he won, when the others came away with a burst, and won by half their own length only.

RIVER LEA AMATEUR REGATTA.

This regatta, under distinguished patronage, which was participated in by the crews of clubs on the Lea, was rowed on Saturday, commencing at eleven o'clock, and terminating long after dark. There were in all nineteen races, and the results of the principal are subjoined:—

LOCAL TRADESMEN'S RACE: three heats.

G. Culpep, B. Verdon, G. Paine, V. Green, C. Faber (cox) 1	Wickenden, G. Watkins, R. Watkins, J. Eaton, W. Wright (cox)	2
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CLUB PAIRS: six heats.

Neptune Rowing Club—E. G. Finch and J. W. Smith, H. Moore (cox)	1
Phoenix Rowing Club—C. Cross and H. W. Russell, W. J. Read (cox)	0

FIVE HEATS.

N. Palmer (Phoenix Rowing Club)	1
S. Arnott (Albion Rowing Club)	0

CLUB FOURS: three heats.

Phoenix Rowing Club	1
Alexandra Rowing Club	0

Phoenix—1. E. Darvall; 2. C. Cross; 3. T. Gregson; 4. J. M. Collins; W. J. Read (cox)	1
Alexandra—1. C. Forster; 2. W. Page; 3. E. Stunt; 4. W. Fitzgerald; 5. A. Oldfield (cox)	0

WON BY THREE LENGTHS.

Phoenix Rowing Club—A. H. Woolby and G. F. Gibson, N. Palmer (cox)	1
Excelsior Boat Club, Greenwich—J. E. Brain and E. B. Ellington, C. Worsley (cox)	0

A FINE RACE, WON BY A LENGTH AND A HALF.

Phoenix Rowing Club	1
Comet, River Thames	0

Phoenix—1. J. S. Ellis; 2. G. E. Hill; 3. A. H. Woolby; 4. N. Palmer; C. Worsley (cox)	1
Comet—1. H. H. Hill; 2. R. Hill; 3. E. Ebsworth; 4. C. Wright; C. Glenister (cox)	0

WON EASILY.

Phoenix Rowing Club	1
Comet, River Thames	0

Phoenix—1. J. S. Ellis; 2. G. E. Hill; 3. A. H. Woolby; 4. N. Palmer; C. Worsley (cox)	1
Comet—1. H. H. Hill; 2. R. Hill; 3. E. Ebsworth; 4. C. Wright; C. Glenister (cox)	0

Phoenix Rowing Club	1
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Comet, River Thames	0

North. Of course a great line may be drawn between most similar festivals. All, however, add to one common object, and that is, the amusement of the people, and the advancement of the sport. Consequently, we look on all regattas as the harbinger of good motives, equally though the chief prize be one hundred sovereigns or as many shillings. The river Wansbeck is especially suitable for boating, being in close proximity to the north and south, and with a current of comfort to the on-lookers and room to the swimmers; and as the various matches in the present instance were pulled in and out the whole were viewed with satisfaction. The starting point was from a keel moored opposite Mrs. Elizabeth Potts' hostelry, on the Cambois side, near Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were a distance of one and half miles. No. 1, a skiff race, being one mile and a quarter, and the two sailing matches, Nos. 13 and 14, were contested at sea, a distance of 4 miles. The weather could not have been more favourable, without being too hot. Old Sol was in charming countenance, and a large number of country folk enjoyed themselves greatly. The usual booths and stalls, for the sale of eatables and drinkables, were of course there on the bank top in goodly force, and did a prominent trade. Mrs. Potts' noble hostelry was thronged throughout the day, but we regret that civility from those in charge seemed to be a matter of very limited consideration. The sports commenced a few minutes after 11 o'clock with the following results:—

KEEL BOAT RACE, one man in each boat, not exceeding 9 ft. 6 in., or below 8 ft. 6 in. Prize, 1 sov. Entrance, 1s. The Malt, Thomas Boyd, and William Boyd, red and white, 1st; John Nuttall, red and white, 2nd. Two starters, a capital race, won by barely four lengths.

KEEL BOAT RACE, one man in each boat, not exceeding 11 ft., or below 10 ft. 11 in. Entrance, 1s. Sovereign of the Seas, William Redhead, beat; beat Young Henry, James Cochrane, red and white, by two lengths. Two entries.

CORLE RACE, one man in each boat, not exceeding 15 ft. 6 in., or below 14 ft. 10 in.; second, 10s. Entrance, 1s. Brown Bread, Leslie Hope, white, 1st; Sir Roger, Joseph Campbell, stars and stripes, 2nd; John Brotherton, John Ward, red and white, 3rd. Hope won easily. William Fenwick and Lionel Brown, absentees.

OPEN SKIFFS, not exceeding 20 ft. 6 in.; 1st, 15s.; second, 10s. Entrance, 1s. Elizabeth, Smith Scurlfield, blue and white, 1st; Robert Chambers, James Boyd, pink, 2nd; Robert Cooper, William Auld, red and blue, 3rd; Hugh Taylor, John Nuttall, red, white and blue, 4. This and the following were the most important events of the day, inasmuch as the two Blyth crews, Boyd and Scurlfield, were entered in both races, the result being the subject of comparative speculation. Boyd for more than a hour and a half held the palm, but Scurlfield, 5 lengths start, beat both John H. Clasper and Boyd, with 3 lengths, upsetting Johnny at the Blyth Regatta held a few weeks back. It will thus be seen that Scurlfield further enhanced his reputation in the present race, as he pulled a capital oar throughout and won by nearly 3 lengths.

SKIFF RACE—First prize, 41 5s.; second, 10s. Entrance 1s. William Blakey, Smith Scurlfield, blue and white, 1st; John Hawkes Clasper, James Boyd, pink, 2nd; Unknown, J. H. Clasper, red, absent. Called downwards, A. A. Brown, red and white, 3rd.

SWIMMING MATCH—Entrance 1s. Value of prize not stated. Distance 500 yds. John Turnbull, New Delaval, 1st; Isaiah Pearson, New Winning, 2nd; Edward Wile, North Seaton, 3rd; John Armstrong, Guildford, 4th; William Barnes, Newham, 5th. Won by a few yards. The last named two swam miserably slow, and were beaten hollow.

CORLE RACE, not exceeding 17 ft. 6 in., or below 16 ft. First prize, 4s.; second, 10s. Entrance 3s. Gladieaur, J. Campbell, J. Auld, and L. Hope, stars and stripes, 1st; Margaret, G. Graham, R. Carter, and E. Swan, red, white and blue, 2nd; John W. Kingley, J. Angus, red and white, 3rd. Won by 5 lengths; three lengths between second and third.

OPEN SKIFFS, not exceeding 18 ft. 6 in. First prize, 41 10s.; second, 10s. Entrance 1s. Onobolus, John Nuttall, blue and white, 1st; John Batty, white, 2nd; Star, William Dixon, stars and stripes, 3rd. Six Sisters, A. Bedford, blue, absent. Won after a splendid contest by only 61 yds; 8 lengths between the other two. Dixon lodged an objection, as he stated that both Nuttall and Batty fouled him at the turn, when he (Dixon) was leading. The committee, we understand, will give him the prize.

BALLAST KEEL BOATS, not exceeding 15 ft. 42; second, 10s.; entrance, 2s. Wheatley, W. Dixon, and W. Auld, stars and stripes, 1st; Franz Muller, John Batty, and E. Barnes, red and white, 2nd; Conway, J. Auld and E. Barnes, blue and white, 3rd. Won by only a few yds, after a fine piece of tuging.

FOR COBLES, not exceeding 15 ft. 6 in., or below 14 ft. 43; second, 10s.; entrance, 3s. Robert Chambers, J. H. Clasper, J. Angus, red and white, 1st; Sir Roger, J. Campbell, J. Auld, L. Hope, stars and stripes, 2nd; Brown Bread, E. Barnes, W. Auld, W. Dixon, white. Hollow affair, won by 20 lengths.

YACHT SAILING RACE, 43; second, 41; third, 10s.; entrance, 3s. Osprey, 6 tons, 1st; Glance, 2nd; Rival, 3; Concord, 0; Storm King, 0; Perseverance, 0.

CORLE SAILING RACE, 43; second, 41; third, 10s.; entrance, 3s. Rising Sun, blue, 1st; Industries, red and white, 2; Grace, pink, 3rd; James, Post Boy, and Unknown, did not compete.

Beyond a course of amusing races, between youths and amateurs (the latter in lieu of prizes for old men), the above is a full account of the regatta, the whole of which, except No. 8, were pulled satisfactorily. Credit is due to the promoters of the regatta, also to those gentlemen who superintended the proceedings; and we have little doubt a trifling more perseverance in the interim between this and the next regatta would enable the committee to offer prizes of greater value.

THE SOUTHPORT REGATTA.

The weather was again fine on Saturday morning, and the prospects of a good day's sport were considerably heightened by the large number of craft of all descriptions that put in an appearance at an early hour. About a Thousand persons were present, and the day's proceedings, present, and by the hour appointed for commencing the day's proceedings the beach and pier were lined with spectators. The programme for the day was a very lengthy one, many of the best prizes having been reserved from Friday, in consequence of the fewness of boats. Among the number were the Pier Company's Cup, value £50; and the Southport Club Cup, value £15. By eleven o'clock a slight breeze had sprung up, and soon after that hour the first race was started. It was agreed by the starter to shorten the distance of the yacht races, in consequence of the almost entire absence of wind, and some of the twelve mile races were reduced to about eight miles. The first race was for the Tradesmen's Purse of £10, second prize £5, for herring boats, 12 tons and under, open to all comers, distance about eight miles. There were four entries, the Sarah Anne and the Ellen, of Morecambe, both belonging to W. Brown, of the latter, and the Lord Stanley, of W. Jones, of Liverpool. The Wonder was then the Sarah Anne second, and the Lord Stanley, third. For the Southport Club Cup, value £15, with a purse of £5 for the second boat, viz.—The Anne (W. Patey, Lytham, Lancs.), and the Lord Stanley, Liverpool; the Florida (T. Joynton, Liverpool), the Mary Louisa (T. Dawson, Lytham), the Lotus (S. Baker, R.M.V.C.), and Camellia (W. Whisde, Southport). The Mary Louisa obtained the start, and maintained it for some distance, but being overtaken and passed by the Wonder, she was beaten, and the Wonder was the winner, and the Lord Stanley, third. For the Southport Club Cup, value £15, with a purse of £5 for the second boat, viz.—The Anne (W. Patey, Lytham, Lancs.), and the Lord Stanley, Liverpool; the Florida (T. Joynton, Liverpool), the Mary Louisa (T. Dawson, Lytham), the Lotus (S. Baker, R.M.V.C.), and Camellia (W. Whisde, Southport). The Mary Louisa obtained the start, and maintained it for some distance, but being overtaken and passed by the Wonder, she was beaten, and the Wonder was the winner, and the Lord Stanley, third.

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